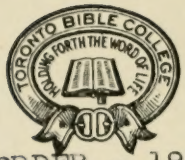

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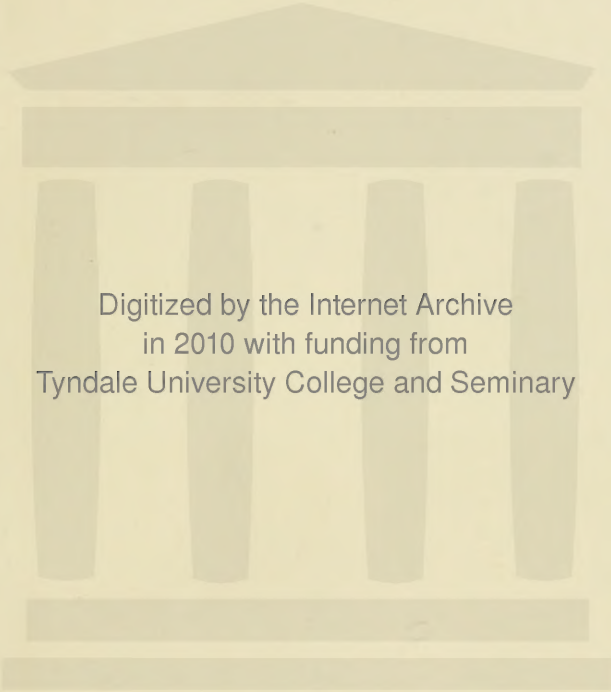

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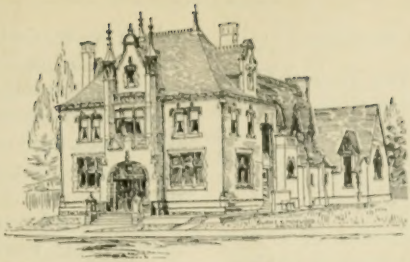

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Annual Reports.

The Annual Reports contained in this double number of the RECORDER show that the Bible Training School has been blessed with another year of prosperity. The enrolment of students during the session, the numbers who have gone to definite fields of labor, and the contributions for the maintenance of the work have all been most encouraging. We commend the present issue to the careful perusal of all our friends.

Sixth Annual Meeting.

The sixth session of the Toronto Bible Training School closed with appropriate exercises on Tuesday, May 1st. In the afternoon the joint meeting of the Board of Incorporation and General Council was held, when the reports for the year were presented. These were of a very gratifying character, and called forth remarks of warm approval. The afternoon meeting was scarcely as large as usual, owing to the absence of several friends at the great Ecumenical Missionary Conference at New York; but the proceedings were full of interest and every department of the work received careful consideration.

At the evening meeting the Assembly Hall was crowded with friends of the School interested in the graduating exercises. After the usual devotional exercises, President Harris gave an encouraging outline of the work of the session. Brief but excellent addresses were given by four representatives of the graduating class—Mr. H. Bryce speaking on "Practical Christianity"; Miss J. B. James, on "That I may know Him"; Mr. W. F. Roadhouse, on "Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest"; and Miss M. L. Whitelock, on "Christ the Master Workman." Diplomas were then presented to the following fourteen students who have completed the two years' course of study in the Day Classes or its equivalent, and have also passed the necessary examinations:—Mrs. K. R. Brechin, Misses B. M. Fish, E. A. Hewitt, M. E. Jack, T. Linton, L. Robertson, M. L. Whitelock; also Messrs. H. Crickington, W. C. Frank, H. E. Hunt, W. A. Hunter, W. F. Roadhouse, H. Wilkins and J. D. Wilson. Mr. H. Bryce, who received a certificate three years ago, having pursued additional Studies since, was also awarded a diploma. Certificates were given to the following five students who have pursued the three years' course of study in the evening classes, and passed successful examinations:—Misses J. B. James, L. M. Jones, and B. Ross; also Messrs. C. W. Leigh and C. McQuesten. The Principal, Dr. Stewart, gave parting words of counsel to the graduates, in which he reminded them of their great work as being "Witnesses for Christ." Mr. Sampson, on behalf of the Treasurer, called attention to the financial support of the School, suggesting that those whom it had benefited should especially remember it in their gifts and prayers. Mr. Elias Rogers testified to his warm appreciation of the great work the School is doing, and the Rev. Fred. E. Howitt, of Hamilton, gave an admirable address on the "Importance of Bible Study." The meeting was one of great interest and profit.

Principal's Report.

In presenting the Sixth Annual Report of the Toronto Bible Training School, devout thanksgiving must first of all be given to our Heavenly Father for the abundant blessing which has continued to rest on the work. The enrolment and attendance have been very nearly the same as during the previous session; larger numbers than usual have gone forth to important spheres of Christian service at home and abroad; while the interest displayed by the students and the spiritual tone of the School have never been surpassed.

ENROLMENT.

The number enrolled in the Day Classes has been sixty-two. Of these, twenty-four are young men and thirty-eight young women. In the Evening Classes the enrolment has been 195, of whom fifty-five are young men and 140 young women. The total number of students has thus been 257, besides occasional visitors, who have attended some of the courses of lectures.

THE DAY CLASSES.

The regular work of the Day Classes has again been conducted by Dr. Harris, Mr. MacWilliam and myself. Dr. Harris has given two courses of lectures each week, one on the Gospel of John, and the other on the Epistle to the Philippians. My own subjects have been the following:—New Testament Introduction and Outlines, including a somewhat careful consideration of the purposes and contents of each book; Bible Doctrines with the Word of God as the one textbook; Exposition of the Messianic pass-

ages of the Old Testament; and Preparation of Gospel Addresses. Mr. MacWilliam reports that he gave a course of lectures on the Evidences of Religion, both Natural and Revealed. He also taught a class in the Gospels, pursuing the same course and method as in previous years; giving special attention to the exposition and illustration of the text, and furnishing many outlines for Gospel addresses on different passages, as well as on all the Parables of our Lord. His third class was composed of lady students of the first year who received instruction in the preparation of Bible Readings and Evangelistic Addresses. Mr. MacWilliam has also conducted, as in former years, early morning classes in English Grammer and Greek New Testament.

LECTURERS.

Owing chiefly to ill health, two of the visiting lecturers who have kindly aided us in past years, and whose services were expected during this session, were, much to their regret and ours, unable to come to our help. These were Rev. Dr. Moorehead of Xenia, Ohio, and Mr. H. W. Frost of the China Inland Mission. A very instructive, stimulating and much appreciated course of six lectures on the "History of Missions" was given by our Vice-President, Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay. The School was also favored with special addresses from Miss De Prayser, a Eurasian lady, who spoke on "Medical Mission Work in India"; Mr. George R. Wette, whose theme was "Mission Work in South America"; Rev. Dr. Fulton, who spoke very earnestly on "Revivals"; Rev. Dr. Robert Cameron, who gave an admirable lecture on the Gospel of Matthew; Rev. Thomas Bone, Welland Canal Missionary, who gave a racy address on "Personal Christian Work"; Mr. Walter B. Sloan, English Secretary of the China Inland Mission, who opened up in a searching way from God's Word the "Spiritual Preparation for Missionary Service"; and by Dr. Harry G. Guinness, whose interesting lecture on South America and earnest appeal to our students will not soon be forgotten. The best thanks of the School are due to all these visitors for their valued services.

THE EVENING CLASSES.

The regular Tuesday and Thursday evening classes have been conducted as in previous sessions, Dr. Harris lecturing on the Gospel of John and the Epistle to the Philippians, Mr. MacWilliam on Christian Evidences, and myself on Bible Doctrines. Monday and Friday evenings have also been devoted to special additional studies. On the former of these evenings Mr. MacWilliam has taught two small classes in New Testament Greek, and I have had a well-attended class in the Preparation of Gospel Addresses. The Friday evening class, which I have again conducted in the study of the Sunday School lesson, has been marked by an increase both of interest and of regularity in attendance.

EXAMINATIONS.

Twice during the Session written examinations have been held on the subjects taught in the regular courses of study laid down for the day and evening classes. A specialty has been made of these, and the results show that, on the whole, quite satisfactory work has been done. Very few, indeed not more than three per cent. of the day students, and less than five per cent. of the evening students, have failed to reach the minimum standard of 50% on their papers. On the other hand, about one-fourth of all the students who have written on the examinations have obtained 90% on most of the subjects. It is very desirable, however, that a larger proportion of our evening students should submit to the test of these written examinations.

ENGLISH STUDIES.

In addition to the English classes taught by Mr. MacWilliam, instruction has been given in Dictation, English Grammar, Rhetoric and Composition by Miss Alice R. Hitchon, one of the students, who has been a High School teacher. This has been rendered necessary from the fact that several of the students come to us without having enjoyed the benefit of a good English education. Mr. MacWilliam, in his report, expresses his "strong conviction that attendance on the English classes should, in the case of students deficient in educa-

tion, be made compulsory." Now that ample provision is made for instruction in English, I very heartily concur in the recommendation suggested. None should hereafter leave the School, with the imprimatur of its diploma, who cannot use the English language correctly. Very few young men and women can hope in these days to be efficient in Christian service who are deficient in an ordinary English education.

MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

The missionary spirit continues to pervade the School. Twenty-three of the students, chiefly in the day classes, are members of the Volunteer Band. These have held a regular prayer-meeting weekly, with a well-maintained attendance and excellent interest. A profitable study-class has also met regularly, giving special attention to Africa. Two lady missionaries, home on furlough from India, who attended lectures for some months in the School, have given their unsolicited testimony in letters to myself —the one to the great value of our full course of Bible study as a preparation for the foreign field, and the other, after mentioning the "profitable weeks in the classes," thinks that the fact that those who go forth from the School "are so constantly remembered in prayer, must give them wonderful strength and courage" in all their work for the Master.

DEVOTIONAL SPIRIT.

During all the six sessions of the School, the Tuesday forenoon devotional service has been a marked feature of our work and a means of blessing to many. Both in the cultivation of the spiritual life and in numerous striking answers to prayer, it has been graciously owned of God. Many of the students who have gone to far distant lands refer to it gratefully in their letters, and unite their prayers with ours each week as the day comes round. It is my firm conviction that the Christian fellowship and spiritual growth of the School have been wonderfully promoted by the devotional service.

PRACTICAL WORK.

As in past years, the students have been largely engaged in Sunday School, Young People's and Mission work, and in conducting mission hall and evangelistic services. One of them has opened up a new form of Christian effort among neglected young lads in the north-western section of the city, and no small blessing is attending the work. The labors of our students have been quite acceptable; and while the results can never be fully known, there is no doubt that not a few through their instrumentality have turned unto the Lord.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

During the session the library has received an addition of fully 200 volumes. More than half of these are the gift of Mrs. Dr. Oldright, of St. Catharines, being a part of the library of her late father, Rev. A. Wilson. The rest are from one of the instructors of the School. An additional book-case has been required, and it is hoped that its shelves will soon be filled with suitable volumes. The reading-room has again been supplied with the chief religious papers and magazines by the thoughtful liberality of the friend who has given similar help in previous years.

SOME RESULTS.

Probably more of our students have gone to definite fields of service during the past year than during any previous one in the history of the School. Seven have gone to labor as foreign missionaries—three to China, of whom two are in connection with the China Inland Mission, two to India, one to Central Africa and one to Turkey in Asia. Two others have also lately received appointments from the Mission Boards of their Churches, one to labor in Africa and the other among the Telugus of India. Nine others have been called to engage in missionary and pastoral service in connection with Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and Presbyterian churches. One has become a Y.M.C.A. Secretary, and three or four others are looking forward to evangelistic and colportage work in Ontario during the summer months. May abundant blessing attend the labors of all these friends.

BIBLE CONFERENCES.

A new departure was made last summer in the holding of Bible Conferences in different towns and cities of the province. Five of these were held during May and June at Berlin, Brantford, Peterboro', Stratford and London. The President and Principal of the School attended all the meetings and received valuable help in conducting them from the following brethren, members of the General Council: Dr. McTavish, Mr. Frost and Dr. Wardrope. All the conferences were well attended, and much interest was manifested in the exposition of God's Word.

A Bible Conference lasting ten days was also held in our own building here in the month of July. The program of subjects covered a wide ground, the attendance of ministers of the Gospel, students and other Christian workers was good, and the interest was well sustained. Courses of lectures were given by Dr. Harris, Mr. MacWilliam and myself, and also by Dr. Erdman, Principal Caven, Professor Farmer, Dr. Mackay, Rev. W. H. Hincks, and Rev. Wm. Patterson. The work of each day was introduced by a series of addresses on the Holy Spirit and the culture of the spiritual life. These were given by Drs. Parsons, McTavish and Harris, and Messrs. Hyde, Bryan and Frost. Much interest was manifested, and a strong desire was expressed for a similar series of Bible studies this year.

All these Conferences did good service, directly by fostering an interest in Bible study, and incidentally by turning attention to the importance and work of the Bible Training School.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

With one somewhat sad exception the health of the students has been generally good. As a rule, the instructors have found them diligent, appreciative, and disposed to make the most of their gifts and opportunities. Unbroken harmony has prevailed, and the divine blessing has signally rested on all the work. The vast importance and far-reaching influence of the school impress me more deeply year by year. Most heartily can I adopt as my own the following words in which my esteemed fellow-laborer, Mr. MacWilliam, closes his report:

"I can only repeat my constant and increasing enjoyment in the work of the School. It is my most earnest and unceasing prayer that it may continue to be a place where Christ Himself may always be the Great Teacher of us all, and where His Spirit shall ever make His home and manifest His presence and power."

I believe that it is the constant aim and earnest prayer of all connected with the work of instruction that our Institution may be more and more a true Training School, from which consecrated men and women shall go forth in increasing numbers taught in the Word and "able to teach others also." May such workers ever be trained in our classes, not necessarily those who have the highest scholarship, but those who are faithful and devoted, possessed of lofty aim and spiritual power, seeking to live and serve in the energy of the Holy Ghost.

Doctrinal Basis of the School.

The School is evangelical in its character, and the instruction imparted will be in accordance with the following doctrines:

1. The Divine Authority and Plenary Inspiration of the whole Canonical Scriptures as originally given. 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17; 2 Peter 1: 21.
2. The Doctrine of the Trinity. 2 Cor. 13: 14; Matt. 28: 19.
3. The Fall of Man and his consequent Moral Depravity and Need of Regeneration. Rom. 5: 12; 3: 10.
4. The Atonement through the Substitutionary Death of Christ. Mark 10: 45; 1 Peter 3: 18.
5. The Doctrine of Justification by Faith. Rom. 3: 24-26; Acts 13: 39.
6. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 1: 23-26; James 1: 18; John 1: 12, 13; John 3: 6.
7. The Doctrine of Sanctification. Heb. 12: 14; 1 Peter 1: 2; John 17: 17.
8. The Second Coming of Christ and the Resurrection of the Dead. 1 Thess. 4: 16, 17; Acts 24: 15.
9. The Eternal Blessedness of the Saved and the Everlasting Punishment of the Lost. Matt. 25: 46.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending April 30th, 1900:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$ 131 68	
Gifts	3,104 00	
Incidental Fees	280 00	
Rent of Residence	180 00	
Collections	18 70	
		$3,714 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Principal, Instructors, Secretary, etc.	$2,525 00	
" Ground Rent	280 00	
" Caretaker	191 00	
" Cement Floor	86 00	
" Coal, Light and Water	352 78	
" Telephone	45 00	
" Printing RECORDER, Catalogues, Advertising	154 70	
" Postage	27 57	
" Repairs and Sundry Expenses	16 87	
		$3,678 92
Balance on hand		$35 46

The Report was received with expressions of much satisfaction and gratitude and referred to the Auditor, Mr. J. O. Anderson.

List of Students.

The following are the Students enrolled in the Day Classes for the Session 1899-1900:

Miss Ethel Archer, Toronto.
Miss Beryl Armstrong, Toronto.
Mrs. K. R. Brechin, Toronto.
John Brown, Montreal.
Mrs. Dr. Burnham, Toronto.
Miss E. Challener, Toronto.
Chas. A. Coakwell, Toronto Junction.
George Constable, Doncaster.
Henry Crickington, Toronto.
R. H. Cunningham, Preston.
Miss A. E. Davidson, Bellhaven.
Miss M. F. P. Dodson, Alloa.
James E. Duff, Missionary from China.
Miss Bertha M. Fish, Otterville.
Thos. C. France, Hemlock.
W. C. Frank, Bowmanville.
Miss M. E. Funk, South Cayuga.
Hugh D. Gardner, Toronto.
Miss J. D. Gordon, Missionary from India.
Miss R. Green, Toronto.
E. Halliwell, Cornwall.
Miss E. A. Hewitt, Streetsville.
Miss L. High, Toronto.
Miss A. R. Hitchon, Belleville.
Miss G. W. Hulet, M.D., Norwich.
Herbert E. Hunt, Carlisle.
Wm. A. Hunter, Toronto.
Miss Mary E. Jack, Toronto.
Miss Theresa Linton, Aurora.
Miss Annie Little, Toronto.
Mrs. C. L. Mark, Toronto.
W. H. L. Marshall, Forest.
Miss H. S. Massey, Summerside, P.E.I.
Miss Augusta Massman, Buffalo, N.Y.
Wm. Matheson, River Dennis, N.S.
Miss M. Middleton, Kingston.
Miss M. Miller, Sprucedale.
Mrs. M. A. Morgan, St. Stephen, N.B.
Miss A. B. Mossip, Thorndale.
Miss E. A. Munn, Toronto.
Miss L. McInnes, Toronto.
Mrs. McKenzie, Toronto.
R. A. Phair, Swansea.
Geo. A. Paull, Killarney, Man.
Miss B. Ptolemy, Missionary from India.
Wm. F. Roadhouse, Berlin.
Miss L. Robertson, New Durham.
Chas. H. Robinson, Newburgh, N.Y.
Walter N. Scott, Toronto.
Wm. D. Spinks, Brantford.
Miss M. J. Sherlock, Toronto.
Mrs. Sullivan, Toronto.
Miss A. M. Sylvester, Toronto.
Miss M. E. Thompson, Toronto.
J. W. Vernon, Tara.
Mrs. J. E. Watson, Fergus.
Miss Maud West, Penetanguishene.
Miss M. L. Whitelock, Toronto.
Miss E. M. Windrum, Toronto.
Harold Wilkins, Toronto.
Miss Fanny Withers, Toronto.
J. DeWitt Wilson, Princeton.

Evening Classes.

The enrolment of Students in the Evening Classes was 195. We have not room for the entire list, but give only the names of those who have passed one or more of the written examinations.

F. R. Austen.
W. A. Beaton.
H. Brechin.
Miss J. Brechin.
Miss J. Brown.
H. Bryce.
Miss K. Chalk.
Miss A. E. Cullen.
J. C. Dill.
Mrs. J. C. Dill.
Mrs. M. L. Elliott.
F. Inrig.
F. A. Jacobs.
Miss J. B. James.
Miss M. Jennings.
Miss L. M. Jones.
Miss B. LeGros.
C. W. Leigh.
Miss M. H. Macbeth.
Miss E. R. MacPhail.
Miss J. McLelland.
C. McQuesten.
Miss M. Maley.
Miss C. Mance.
Miss M. A. Morton.
Miss L. Moyer.
Miss C. J. Nellis.
Miss M. M. Reid.
W. D. Robertson.
Miss E. Roper.
Miss B. [illegible]
Miss E. Y. Sears.
Miss A. Simpson.
H. E. Smedley.
Miss L. Tilley.
Miss S. Y[illegible]
Miss J. Weston.
Miss F. Whitelock.

Post Graduate Students.

The following Students have pursued additional studies since receiving their Diplomas and Certificates:

Miss M. Beare.
H. Bryce.
Miss E. Challener.
Mrs. Gray.
W. H. L. Marshall.
Miss M. J. Sherlock.
Miss A. E. Toms.
Mrs. J. E. Watson.

Their Fields of Labor.

Our students of last session will soon be widely scattered. Miss B. M. Fish has been accepted as a missionary to Africa, where she will labor under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. Miss Gertrude Hulet, M.D., will soon leave for India as missionary to the Telugus, supported by the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Messrs. W. A. Hunter and J. DeWitt Wilson have gone to Presbyterian mission fields in the far North-West. Mr. John Brown has become Assistant Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of Montreal. Mr. Chas. A. Coakwell is engaged as student pastor in the Wychwood Mission in this city. Messrs. W. F. Roadhouse, W. N. Scott, H. E. Hunt and W. D. Spinks are about to start on an evangelistic tour through Ontario under the direction of the Union Colportage Association. Others of our students will soon be at work in other fields. We trust that they will all have abundant blessing in the service of the Master.

Local Conferences.

The local Bible Conferences arranged for the month of May have been held. At Hamilton, owing to the extreme heat, one or two of the meetings were not largely attended. Others had good audiences and much interest was manifested in the exposition of God's Word. All the meetings were held in Association Hall, and Mr. Thos. A. Rodger, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., gave valuable help in making the arrangements. Mr. Frost, Dr. Harris and Dr. Stewart were the lecturers. At Belleville the meetings were very successful from beginning to end. Mr. H. C. Hunt, President of the Y.M.C.A., had made excellent arrangements, the ministers of the city generally gave their co-operation and churches, and the attendance was large, intelligent and deeply interested. Rev. Dr. McTavish gave two much-appreciated lectures, in addition to those of Drs. Harris and Stewart.

The Conferences at Galt and Guelph are going on as we go to press.

Second Summer Conference.

A second Summer Conference for Bible Study, beginning on Monday, June 18th, at 8 p.m., and lasting for ten days, will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Toronto Bible Training School, 110 College Street. Lectures will be delivered at 10 a.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m. of each day. In addition to the staff of the School, the Rev. Drs. Erdman and Moorehead from the United States, representatives from the leading theological colleges of the city, and other well known Bible teachers will conduct the exercises. A feature of the program will be a series of studies each forenoon on "Worship in

the Spirit as illustrated by the Tabernacle."

Not a few ministers of the Gospel, students, Sunday school teachers and other Christian workers found the session of last summer to be very profitable. A very cordial invitation is again extended to all Christian friends who can attend the meetings. Those who desire programs or other information should apply to Rev. Dr. Stewart, Principal of the School.

Notes.

THE next session of the Bible Training School will be opened, D.V., on Tuesday, September 18th, 1900, at 10 a.m.

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IT is very important that all students, especially new-comers, should be on hand at the beginning of the session.

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MR. ROBERT J. GARRETT, one of our graduates, after a very thorough examination by a council, was ordained on May 6th, as pastor of the Baptist Church in Monck, Ont.

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AT the recent joint meeting of the Board and Council, Miss Annie Burns, who has given efficient service in the office, was appointed Assistant Secretary and Librarian.

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WE deeply regret that, owing to a severe attack of fever, Mr. A. F. Taylor has been ordered home by the doctors, who say he could not live in the climate of Central Africa.

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THE new Catalogue and Announcement of the School will be published early in July. Meanwhile intending students and other friends will find full information in the present number of the RECORDER.

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THE Principal invites correspondence from any who may think of entering the School next session. He will gladly answer inquiries and also furnish the necessary form of application to those who wish to become members of the Day Classes.

WE are pleased to learn from a correspondent that Mr. W. H. L. Marshall is "doing good work" in his ministry in the Congregational Church of Forest.

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OUR library has recently been presented with about a hundred useful volumes from our good friend, Rev. Dr. Parsons. A member of the staff of instruction has also given a hundred. These are welcome additions, and there is room for more on the vacant shelves.

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THE fee of $2.00 per session is not a charge for tuition, but for incidental expenses of heating, lighting, and caretaking. There is also an outlay of from $3.00 to $5.00 for books. Board can be obtained at about $3.00 per week in comfortable Christian homes convenient to the school.

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WHEN the new session opens we hope to have a number of occasional students in attendance on certain lectures. There are not a few Bible students in the city who are unable to take the full course of study, but who would be greatly helped by taking some one of our courses two or three times a week.

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AT the last annual meeting of the General Council, it was decided that all the day students who are found by the Board of Instruction to be deficient in the branches of an ordinary education shall be required to take the classes in English provided for them. Miss Hitchon will again give her services in this department of the work.

Receipts for Current Expenses.

The following are the amounts received from March 1st to May 1st, 1900:

No. 83	$ 10 00	No. 93	$ 100 00
No. 84	5 00	No. 94	50 00
No. 85	50 00	No. 95	50 00
No. 86	15 00	No. 96	25 00
No. 87	300 00	No. 97	4 00
No. 88	10 00	No. 98	100 00
No. 89	5 00	No. 99	25 00
No. 90	1 00	No. 100	3 00
No. 91	2 00		
No. 92	5 00	Total	$ 760 00
		Previously acknowledged	2,344 00
		Grand Total	$3,104 00

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